supplies at specially sibidized prices to ihe people in I.T.D.P. areas and tribal majority States|Union Territories, rural employment generation programmes; nutrition programmes, etc. In addition some wheat was offered for sale to Roller Flour Mills etc. Small quantities of wheat and rice were also released for export and commo. dity loans, gifts etc. to other countries.

**Increase in the prices of commodities being sold through fair price shops**

2805. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) on how many occasions since January, 1986 the prices cf foodgrains rice and wheat separately for distribution through Public Distribution System, have been enhanced through administrative order and extent of enhancement on each occasioir and

(b) the reasons therefore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) A statement giving the Central issue prices of wheat and rice since January, 1980 is attached. *(See* below). The issue prices are enhanced from time to time, consequent upon increases in the support prices of paddy and wheat.

Statement

Central Issue Price of Rice and Wheat

I. *RICE* (Rate per Rs. quintal)

| Effective from | Common | Fine | Superfine |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1-2-1986 | 231.00 | 243.00 | 253.01 |
| 1-10-1986 | 239.00 | 251.00 | '266.00 |
| 1-10-1987 | 239 00 | 264.00 | 279.00 |
| 25-1-1989 | 244.00 | 304.00 | 325.00 |

II *WHEAT*

| Effective from | Public Distribu - tion System |
|---|---|
| 1-2-1986 . | 190.00 |
| 1-4-1986 | 190.00 |
| 16-7-1986 | 190.00 |
| 1-5-1987 . | 195.00 |
| 25-3-1988 . | 204.00 |

**Tncrease in the prices of Levy Sugar**

2806. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERIEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) on how many occasions since Jan. uary, 1986 prices of levy sugar have been enhanced through administrative orders;

(b) extent of enhancement per kilogram on each occasion; and

(c) the price of levy sugar per kilogram year-wise during the said period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRl D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) Since January, 1986 the retail issue price of levy sugar has been increased only on three occasions, *i.e* on 15-12-86, 1.1.88 and 1-1-89. The extent of increase *on* each occasion fs indicated below:—